STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State/Territory MONTANA

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

The State will make the following advance categorical determinations that nursing facility services are needed:

Convalescent care from an acute physical illness which required hospitalization and does not meet all the criteria for an exempt hospital discharge.

Terminal Illness as defined for hospice purposes in 418.3.

Severe Physical Illness which results in a level of impairment so severe that the individual could not be expected to benefit from specialized services.

Admission to an IMD nursing facility.

The State will make the following advance categorical determinations that nursing facility services are needed and that specialized services are not needed:

Provisional admissions pending further assessment in cases of delirium where an accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears not to exceed 7 calendar days. Admissions approved under this category must be referred for a level II screen at such time that the condition allows and no later than the 7th day following admission.

Provisional admissions pending further assessment in emergency protective services situations not to exceed 7 calendar days. If at any time it appears that the individual's stay may exceed 7 days, and no later than the 7th day, the facility must make a referral for a level II screen.

Very brief and finite stays to provide respite to in-home caregivers to whom the individual with MI or MR is expected to return. Respite care is allowed for a maximum annual total of 30 calendar days. The Department may grant extensions in cases of extenuating circumstances.

If an individual's stay is expected to exceed 30 consecutive days, the facility must make a referral for a level II screen.

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